

AGRICULTURE

DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Livestock and Poultry Importation

Avian Influenza

EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS TO AVIAN INFLUENZA IMPORT RULES

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N.J.A.C. 2:3-1.1 Definitions

(a) The following words and terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings. Words of art undefined in the following paragraphs shall have the meaning attributed to them by trade usage or general usage as reflected by definition in a standard dictionary, such as Webster's.

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“Move directly,” when related to hatching eggs and poultry less than 7 days of age, means move into New Jersey without any stops or move to a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean National Plan Hatchery or an NPIP U.S. Avian Influenza Clean National Plan Hatchery and then move into New Jersey without any other stops; and when related to all other poultry, means move into New Jersey without any stops or move to a New Jersey registered poultry distributor and then move into New Jersey without any other stops.

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N.J.A.C. 2:3-1.9 Prior import permits

Permits required for entry for a specific class of livestock pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:3-2.7(b), 3.4(d) or 7.4(a), may be obtained by the consignee from the State Veterinarian, Division

of Animal Health, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, PO Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330, telephone number 609- 671-6400, or e-mail

state.veterinarian@ag.state.nj.us

N.J.A.C. 2:3-7.4 Avian influenza

(a) No poultry waste originating from those areas, counties or states affected by Avian Influenza, as designated by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, or other state Departments of Agriculture, shall be imported into New Jersey for any purposes unless approved and provided a permit by the State Veterinarian.

(b) No poultry, or hatching eggs originating from a state, territory or country where Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected, shall be imported into New Jersey for live bird markets unless:

1. The poultry or hatching eggs are approved and provided a permit by the State Veterinarian; and
2. The poultry or hatching eggs meet testing requirements as follows:
 - i. All poultry shall originate and move directly from an established flock in which a minimum of thirty birds, seven days of age and older, were tested negative for Avian Influenza using real-time reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR). If the flock contains less than thirty birds, all birds from within the flock must be tested.
 - 1 rRT-PCR testing is accepted for all gallinaceous poultry and domestic ducks. The date of sample collection must be within

seventy-two hours prior to the date of entry into New Jersey and the shipment must be accompanied by a copy of the finalized laboratory report indicating that the poultry tested negative for avian influenza.

- 2 Only virus isolation testing is accepted for movement of waterfowl other than domestic ducks, into the State of New Jersey. Negative avian influenza virus isolation results are not expected within 72 hours of sample collection date, therefore, prior approval for movement of waterfowl other than domestic ducks must be obtained from with the New Jersey State Veterinarian.

- ii. All hatching eggs and poultry less than seven days of age shall originate and move directly from an established flock that meets the testing requirements of (b)2(i) above.

(c) Poultry or hatching eggs that are not subject to (b) above shall be imported into the State from any area outside New Jersey only if:

1. The poultry or hatching eggs are accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which states that the poultry or hatching eggs:
 - i. Originate and are moving directly from an established flock that participates in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) U.S. Avian Influenza Clean program or NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored program; or
 - ii. Originate and are moving directly from a test negative Avian Influenza monitored flock; or

iii. Originate and are moving directly from a test negative Avian Influenza tested flock; or

2. The poultry are accompanied by a Poultry Inspection Certificate for movement within the live bird marketing system; or

3. The poultry or hatching eggs are accompanied by a Veterinary Services (VS) Form 9-3 for movement directly from an established flock that participates in the NPIP U.S. Avian Influenza Clean program or NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored program;

(d) Poultry less than seven days of age and not subject to (b)2(ii) above are exempt from testing requirements if these birds originated and moved directly from a breeding flock that meets the requirements of (c)1 through 3, above.